

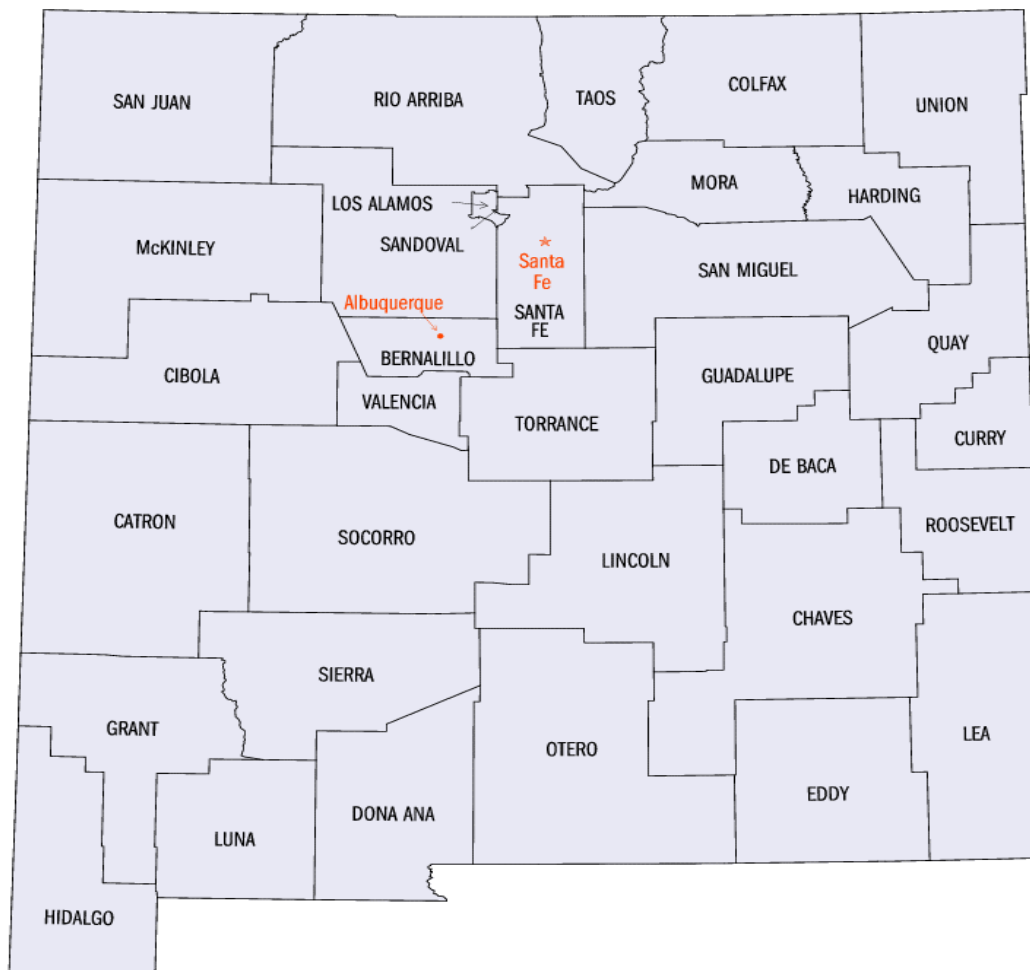
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Santa Fe, New Mexico

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Santa Fe**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 62,203
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 79.6% white; 0.7% black/African American; 2.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.3% Asian; 16.0% other; 4.4% two or more races; 49.9% Hispanic origin
- County: Santa Fe

### **Politics<sup>2</sup>**

- Mayor: Larry Delgado
- City Council (District): Patti Bushee (1); Jimmie Martinez (1); Christopher Moore (2); Karen Heldmeyer (2); Frank Montano (3); Miguel Chavez (3); Carol Robertson Lopez (4); and Matthew Ortiz (4)
- Chief of Police, Santa Fe: John Denko
- Sheriff, Santa Fe County: Raymond Sisneros

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- FY 2001 Drug-Free Communities grantee in Santa Fe who was awarded funding by ONDCP in conjunction with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP):<sup>3</sup>
  - \$100,000 to Pojoaque Valley Safe and Drug-Free Schools Advisory Coalition
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>4</sup>  
Designated in 1990, the Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership is responsible for thirteen counties, including Santa Fe County. In addition to these thirteen counties, the New Mexico Partnership region also encompasses four ports of entry and approximately 180 miles of international border shared with Mexico.

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime<sup>5</sup>**

- There were 252 drug-related offenses known to the Santa Fe Police during 2001.

Number of Drug-Related Offenses Known to Police, Santa Fe, 2001

Type of Drug Offense	Number of Offenses
Controlled substance prohibited act	7
Possession of controlled substance	45
Possession of marijuana (over 8 oz.)	9
Possession of marijuana (under 8 oz.)	131
Trafficking of controlled substance	26
Distribution of controlled substance	4
Possession of drug paraphernalia	18
Overdose	12
Total drug-related offenses	252

- During 2001, the Santa Fe Police Department made 116 total drug-related arrests. 51 of these arrests were felony drug arrests, while 65 were misdemeanor drug arrests.

### **Drugs<sup>6</sup>**

- Cocaine  
The importation, distribution, and consumption of powder and crack cocaine are the biggest threats in the New Mexico Partnership (HIDTA) region.
- Heroin  
The availability of Mexican black tar heroin continues to increase throughout New Mexico. Brown and white heroin have also been encountered in the State.
- Marijuana  
Mexican marijuana is the most prevalent drug abused in the New Mexico Partnership (HIDTA) region.
- Methamphetamine  
The availability of methamphetamine from Mexico, California, and also produced locally is increasing rapidly.

### **Enforcement**

- Southwest Border HIDTA/New Mexico Partnership initiatives include the following:<sup>7</sup>
  - New Mexico Department of Public Safety Interdiction Initiative: Members from New Mexico's Department of Public Safety, State Police, and Motor Transportation Divisions are assigned to ten Partnership initiatives to effectively coordinate and plan interdiction activities and share information and intelligence throughout the region.
  - Operation Up-The-Ladder: This initiative is made up of a multi-agency task force and full-time District Attorneys working together focusing on disrupting cross-border drug smuggling.
  - New Mexico Regional Coordination Center: Supports the interdiction, investigation and prosecution initiatives of the Partnership by providing a clearinghouse for collection of intelligence, conducting post-seizure analysis, providing operational and investigative deconfliction, and analytical case support.
- As of October 31, 2000, there were 212 full-time law enforcement employees in Santa Fe. 135 of these employees were officers, while the remainder were civilians.<sup>8</sup>

### **Courts<sup>9</sup>**

- As of January 17, 2002, there were two drug courts in Santa Fe that have been operating over two years. There is also one family drug court being planned in Santa Fe.

### **Consequences of Use<sup>10</sup>**

- During 2000, the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator reported 24 drug caused deaths in Santa Fe County.

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